5 CONTINUED:

MONK

At the same

COACH CHAUNCEY

It varied. Three-thirty. o'clock.

Monk nods He retraces Mrs. Murphy's steps.

MONK

came walking along here... the ball came over the fence... and hit her here?

(then)

Are there a lot of balls hit over the wall

COACH CHAUNCEY

Maybe one or two a week. Not real (proud)

It was a helluva hit, actually. too bad about Mrs. Whatever, but really got all of it.

The Coach proudly tousles Petey's hair. Petey - as you can imagine- has mixed feelings

COACH CHAUNCEY (CONT'D)

(to Petey)

Because you did what told you- you kept your eye on the ball, didn't you? You waited for your pitch to the COPS)

It was a beautiful hit... until... you know, the end part.

Monk crosses to the YOUNG BOYS. He kneels down.

MONK

Hi Petey. My name is Adrian.

ALL THE BOYS giggle at the name. Monk sighs.

MONK (CONT'D)

Did you know Mrs. Murphy?

PETEY

No sir.

(then)

Am I going to jail?

"MR. MONK AND THE VOODOO CURSE" - Prod/Network Draft - 4/6/09 9.

5 CONTINUED: (2)

5

MONK

(absently)

No. No. No. Probably not.

Petey reacts to the word "probably". Monk walks away. Monk rejoins Natalie, Stottlemeyer and Disher.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER
What do you think? An Act of God,
right?

Monk nods.

CAPT. STOTTLEMEYER (CONT'D)

Then how do explain the doll?

MONK

I can't explain it. Yet,

LT. DISHER

You want me to start rounding up witch doctors? It would be a helluw line-up.

Monk, Stottlemeyer and Disher <u>chyckle</u>. But Natalie- for some reason- is <u>deeply troubled</u> She's scared shitless.

NATALIE

It's not funny. used to laugh about it, too.

LT. DISTER

About what?

NATALIE

Black magic / Voodoo.

MONK

Wait. You can't actually believe in that stuff.

NATALIE

Somebody predicted this poor woman would get hit by a baseball—four days before it happened. How would you explain it?

Monk- for once- is genuinely straped.

MONK

Well. Um... maybe...